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SUMMARY: EMBASSY INFORMED FONOFF OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION. ACTION

REQUESTED: RESCHEDULING OF NOAA EXPERTS' VISIT TO 10/21-23.

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END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF GAVE TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO FONOFF OCTOBER 1. FONOFF OFFICIALS SEEMED SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT US THINKING OF TABLING A RESOLUTION. THEY STATED RESOLUTIONS NOT USUALLY ADOPTED AT ESCAP/WMO TYPHOON COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND IN FACT NO VOTING SYSTEM EXISTS. THEY ASKED WHETHER DRAFTING COMMITTEE WOULD DISCUSS THIS RESOLUTION IN MAKING ITS REPORT.

2. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT USG HAS NOT TAKEN FINAL DECISION TO PROCEED WITH PROGRAM. EMBOFF ALSO SUGGESTED THAT DEVELOPMENT OF SUPPORT FOR TYPHOON PROGRAM BEFORE ESCAP MEETING IN NEW DELHI IN FEBRUARY WAS PROBABLY MAIN REASON FOR USG RESOLUTION.

3. FONOFF OFFICIALS WELCOMED US WILLINGNESS TO SEND THREE NOAA METEOROLOGISTS. THEY POINTED OUT, THOUGH, THAT MOST OF KEY GOJ EXPERTS ON TYPHOONS WOULD NOT BE IN JAPAN ON OCTOBER 14. DR. MASAE MIYAZAKI (DIRECTOR, TYPHOON RESEARCH DIVISION, JAPAN METEOROLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, JAPAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY--JMA), EIICHI KAKIZAKI (DIRECTOR, FORECASTING DEPARTMENT, JMA), AND REPRESENTATIVE FROM JAPAN METEOROLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE WILL ALL BE IN GENEVA OR MANILA ON OCTOBER 14. THEREFORE, THEY REQUESTED THAT MOAA EXPERTS VISIT JAPAN AFTER WMO MEETING IN MANILA, FOR AT LEAST TWO DAYS, AND FOR THREE DAYS IF POSSIBLE. THEY PROPOSED OCTOBER 21-23 BECAUSE ALL GOJ EXPERTS WILL HAVE RETURNED BY OCTOBER 20. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER NOAA EXPERTS CAN VISIT JAPAN THEN.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: ALTHOUGH FONOFF OFFICIALS SEEMED SURPRISED AT US PROPOSAL, THEY DID NOT REACT NEGATIVELY TO IT. GOJ PROCESS OF CONSULTATION AND CONSENSUS BUILDING IS ALWAYS TIME-CONSUMING. HOWEVER, WILLINGNESS OF GOJ TO ASSEMBLE ITS EXPERTS SHORTLY AFTER THEIR RETURN FROM VARIOUS TRIPS ABROAD REPRESENTS GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR NOAA EXPERTS TO ANSWER ALL THEIR QUESTIONS. WHILE THERE WILL BE SOME OPPORTUNITY FOR US EXPERTS TO CONSULT WITH JAPANESE COUNTERPARTS AT MANILA TYPHOON MODIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING, VISIT TO JAPAN IS OF IMPORTANCE SINCE IT WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION WITH OTHER GOJ OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH ISSUE, WHO WILL NOT ATTEND MANILA SESSION. EMBASSY, THEREFORE, RECOMMENDS THAT NOAA EXPERTS VISIT TOKYO AFTER MEETING IN MANILA.

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